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SUBJECT: BURELLI'S CHARGE PROVOKES REACTIONS FROM AD

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND PRESIDENT CALDERA

REF: CARACAS 6929

1. DURING TV TALK PROGRAM IN LAST WEEK OF AUGUST INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MIGUEL ANGEL BURELLI RIVAS REPORTEDLY DENOUNCED ALLEGED COPEI OFFER TO PROVIDE HIM CAMPAIGN FUNDS IN RETURN FOR BURELLI'S AGREEMENT TO CONCENTRATE HIS ATTACK ON AD PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ (CAP) AND TO SOFT-PEDDLE CRITICISM OF COPEI AND GOVERNMENT, THUS GIVING PUBLIC VENT TO AND EXPANDING UPON REMARK HE MADE AT LUNCHEON AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AUGUST 10 (REFTEL). AD SPOKESMEN HAVE BEEN UNDERSTANDABLY QUICK TO SEIZE UPON BURELLI'S CHARGE AS OFFERING ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF COPEI CORRUPTION, WHILE COPEI SPOKESMEN HAVE DISMISSED IT AS DESPARATE ATTEMPT OF BURELLI TO ATTRACT ATTENTION TO HIS FLAGGING CAMPAIGN.

2. SEPTEMBER 6 CAP SENT OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CALDERA DENOUNCING ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO BRIBE BURELLI, SUGGESTING THAT FUNDS FOR SIMILAR IMPROPER COPEI ELECTION ACTIVITIES MAY BE COMING FROM GOVERNMENT TILL, AND ASKING PRESIDENT TO CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. IN SEPTEMBER 6 PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT CALDERA READ TRANSCRIPT OF TV PROGRAM TO SHOW

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BURELLI SAID HE HAD BEEN OFFERED NOT MONEY, BUT RATHER TV

TIME, TO PROMOTE HIS CANDIDACY. PRESIDENT ADDED THAT IN ANY EVENT ALLEGED OFFER, ACCORDING TO BURELLI'S OWN WORDS, CAME NOT FROM GOVERNMENT BUT FROM COPEI PARTY, SO IT IS UP TO PARTY TO RESPOND.

3. COMMENT: BURELLI'S CHARGE AND AD'S TRUMPETING OF IT ARE LATEST OF NUMBER OF CHARGES AND INCIDENTS WHICH AT THIS STAGE OF CAMPAIGN HAVE PUT COPEI SOMEWHAT ON DEFENSIVE. AMONG THEM ARE: (A) NOEL RODRIGUEZ CASE (CARACAS A-383), (B) DEPUTY CARMEN DE VALERA'S CHARGES OF CORRUPTION IN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS (CARACAS 7256 AND 7391), AND (C) RECENT CHARGE BY NEW FORCE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JESUS ANGEL PAZ GALARRAGA THAT DISIP AGENTS ARE SURVEILLING HIS CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND TAPPING HIS PHONES.
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